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SUBJ: INCIDENT CONNECTED WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY OFFICER

1. MAHMUD HATEF, MFA HEAD OF THE FOURTH POLITICAL DIVISION, SUMMONED ME JANUARY 17 TO DISCUSS AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN WASHINGTON CONNECTED WITH AN OFFICER OF THE IRANIAN EMBASSY. HATEF SAID THAT ON JANUARY 13 AT ABOUT 1:30PM TWO MEN CALLED AT THE HOME OF IRANIAN EMBASSY OFFICER TAVAKOLI. AFTER INQUIRING WHETHER MR. TAVAKOLI, HIS WIFE OR ANYONE ELSE WAS PRESENT FROM THE SERVANT WHO ANSWERED THE DOOR AND LEARNING THAT NO ONE ELSE WAS IN THE HOUSE, THE TWO MEN ASSAULTED THE SERVANT WHO MANAGED TO RESIST, AND THE ASSAILANTS FLED. HATEF SAID THAT IRANIAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR NAAS IS AWARE OF THIS INCIDENT. HIS REASON FOR SUMMONING ME WAS TO TELL ME THAT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SHAH AND THE SHAH HAD INSTRUCTED THAT THE POINT BE REGISTERED WITH US THAT IRAN, EVEN WITH ITS LIMITED RESOURCES, PROVIDES UNUSUAL PROTECTION TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL. IRAN IN TURN EXPECTS SIMILAR TREATMENT FOR ITS PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. I RESPONDED THAT WE ARE OF COURSE GRATEFUL FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION THAT GOI PROVIDES WHICH IS IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIFIC TERRORIST THREATS AGAINST THE EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL. THE REPORT OF THE TAVAKOLI INCIDENT SUGGESTS THAT IT IS IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY OF RANDOM CRIMINAL ASSAULT.
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IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE HOW PROTECTION COULD BE PROVIDED AGAINST EVERY SUCH POSSIBLE INCIDENT. NEVERTHELESS, I SAID I WOULD REPORT THIS MATTER TO WASHINGTON AND ASK FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHAT STEPS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD TAKEN.

3. COMMENT: HATEF WAS CLEARLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AS HE REFERRED TO WRITTEN NOTES DURING OUR CONVERSATION. IT IS

DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHETHER HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN FACT CAME FROM THE SHAH, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY CAME FROM HIGHER UP. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING, THE GOI FEELS MUCH ABUSED BY THE PRESS AND OTHERS IN THE UNITED STATES OVER THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER ISSUES. IT MAY BE THAT IT HAS SEIZED ON THIS INCIDENT AS ANOTHER MEANS OF REGISTERING ITS UNHAPPINESS AND DISPLEASURE, AND ALSO TO REMIND US THAT IT HAS THE MEANS OF RETALIATING BY WITHDRAWING ITS SPECIAL PROTECTION IF LIFE BECOMES TOO UNPLEASANT FOR ITS OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES. END COMMENT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON WHAT THE DEPARTMENT DID IN DEALING WITH THIS MATTER AND WHAT IF ANYTHING IT SAID TO IRANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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